

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	McCarty, et al.	)	Group Art Unit 2615
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Appl. No.	:	10/786,576	)	
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Filed	:	February 24, 2004	)	
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For	:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	)	
		MOUNTING OF AUDIO-	)	
		VISUAL COMPONENTS	)	
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Examiner	:	Paul Disler	)	
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

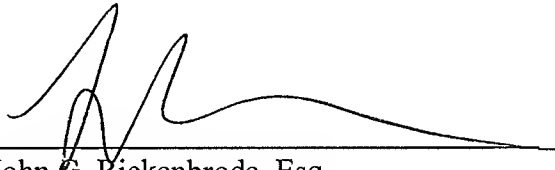
1. This declaration is to establish invention priority of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application No. 10/786,576.
2. I, John Rickenbrode, am an associate at the law firm of Knobbe Martens Olson and Bear. I am also currently a registered patent attorney. I was responsible for preparing the above-referenced patent application for filing under the supervision of Tom Arno, a partner at the law firm.
3. From at least December 5, 2003 until the present, I was actively working as a full-time attorney with multiple pending and yet-to-be-filed patent applications, including an application directed to the subject invention.
4. To my knowledge, on November 17, 2003, Tom Arno met with William McCarty to discuss the preparation of the above- referenced application.
5. From at least December 5, 2003 until February 24, 2004, I actively worked in the normal course of managing my workload to prepare the above-referenced application. A copy of my billing entries for the above- referenced application is attached as Appendix A.
6. On February 11, 2004, I mailed a draft of the above- referenced application to the inventors. A copy of the transmittal letter is attached as Appendix B.
7. On or about February 20, 2004, I turned over filing of the application to Tom Arno.
8. On February 24, 2004, Tom Arno filed the above-referenced application during the normal course of managing his docket.

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Penalty of Perjury Statement

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Dated: December 21, 2007

By:   
John G. Rickenbrode, Esq.

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## Appendix A

# Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear

Billable Time for 12/3/2003 to 2/28/2004 by Client, Matter, Timekeeper

Timekeeper: JGR RICKENBRODE			
Matter	Matter Name	Date worked	Time qty.
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	1/14/2004	0.90
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	2/20/2004	0.50
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	2/19/2004	0.90
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	2/11/2004	0.50
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	2/6/2004	1.00
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	2/5/2004	0.50
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	2/3/2004	2.30
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	1/30/2004	0.70
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	12/5/2003	1.80
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	1/13/2004	1.70
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	12/19/2003	2.30
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	12/17/2003	1.80
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	12/16/2003	0.80
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	12/12/2003	1.80
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	12/11/2003	5.80
016A	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING OF AUDIO-V	12/10/2003	2.50
Total for Timekeeper: JGR RICKENBRODE			25.80
Total for Client: KSCII KSC INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED			25.80
Grand Total:			25.80

## Appendix B

## John.Rickenbrode

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**From:** John Rickenbrode  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2004 6:10 PM  
**To:** 'mccarty@kscind.com'; 'jking@kscind.com'  
**Cc:** 2tra  
**Subject:** Sound bar/mounting bar patent application; our reference: KSCII.016A  
**Attachments:** jgr-1273.doc

Tom Arno has asked me to pass on this draft of the above-entitled patent application for your review. The draft incorporates changes based your meeting with Tom and James. There are no changes to the figures other than some minor corrections to call-out lines. The attached draft has change tracking enabled to highlight the revisions.

If you have any questions, please call Tom, James, or myself.  
Regards,

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